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April Milk Production

Wisconsin milk production totaled 2.20 billion pounds in April, down less than one percent from a year ago. Milk per cow averaged 1,735 pounds, down 10 pounds from last April. The number of milk cows in the state, at 1.27 million, was the same as last month, but up 5,000 from a year ago. As of May 1, 2011, Wisconsin had 12,167 licensed milk cow herds, down 92 from last month and down 603 from May 2010.

Milk production in April in the 23 major states grew by 2 percent over the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1,834 pounds, 9 pounds more than at this time last year. The number of milk cows, at 8.43 million, was 8,000 more than last month and 97,000 more than last year.

Seventeen states had higher milk production when compared with last April, while 6 states had lower production. Production in Texas jumped 7 percent over last year, due to 16,000 more milk cows and a 60 pound per cow increase. Idaho had 19,000 more milk cows leading to a 5 percent gain in production. Minnesota and Wisconsin both had a decrease in the amount of milk per cow, which led to lower milk production when compared with the previous year.

April Milk Production

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Production % chnge 2011/10
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,261	1,266	1,745	1,735	2,200	2,197	n.c.
CA	1,755	1,769	1,955	1,990	3,431	3,520	+3
ID	557	576	1,850	1,870	1,030	1,077	+5
MI	357	362	1,970	1,955	703	708	+1
MN	470	471	1,650	1,615	776	761	-2
NM	323	326	2,090	2,125	675	693	+3
NY	610	610	1,755	1,770	1,071	1,080	+1
PA	541	543	1,710	1,690	925	918	-1
TX	410	426	1,855	1,915	761	816	+7
23-state total	8,337	8,434	1,825	1,834	15,213	15,468	+2

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by cows calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

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This Farm Reporter contains the results from the following surveys. Thanks for your help!

Milk Production Report
Monthly Cold Storage Report

Wisconsin Specialty Cheese Production Up 10 Percent

With 25 percent of the nation's production, Wisconsin maintained its ranking as the nation's top cheese producing state in 2010. At 552 million pounds, specialty cheese accounted for 21 percent of Wisconsin's total cheese production. This was an increase of 48 million pounds over 2009.



Of the state's 129 cheese plants, 90 manufactured at least one type of specialty cheese during 2010, down 2 plants from a year ago. Blue, Feta, Hispanic types, specialty Mozzarella varieties, Parmesan Wheel, and specialty Provolone cheeses were the state's most widely produced specialty cheeses. The largest increases from 2009 to 2010 were in specialty Cheddars and Provolones, up 22 and 24 percent, respectively.

Wisconsin cheese makers are known for offering a wide variety of high quality specialty cheeses. A specialty cheese is a value-added product which commands a premium price. According to the Wisconsin Specialty Cheese Institute, the nature of specialty cheese is derived from one or more unique qualities, such as exotic origin, particular processing or design, limited supply, unusual application or use, and extraordinary packaging or channel of sale. The common denominator is its very high quality.

**SPECIALTY CHEESE PRODUCTION
Wisconsin, 2009 and 2010**

Type	No. of plants	2009 Production	No. of plants	2010 Production	Change from 2010
		1,000 lbs.		1,000 lbs.	Percent
Asiago	11	23,406	10	24,047	+3
Cheddar 1/	31	21,623	33	26,477	+22
Farmers	15	2,785	16	2,753	-1
Feta	8	67,759	9	71,258	+5
Gorgonzola	10	15,284	10	15,598	+2
Italian Fontina	10	5,402	12	4,962	-8
Hispanic	19	56,333	17	58,918	+5
Limburger	1	554	1	604	+9
Monterey Jack 1/	14	9,293	11	8,366	-10
Parmesan Wheel	8	41,941	7	46,476	+11
Provolone 2/	5	34,525	6	42,813	+24
Romano Wheel	9	10,339	7	10,762	+4
All Other 3/	57	214,855	62	239,024	+11
Total 4/	92	504,099	90	552,058	+10

1/Includes only specialty types of this variety. 2/Includes Provolone aged > 60 days and other specialty Provolone. 3/Combined to avoid disclosure of individual plant data. Includes: American Grana, Auribella, Bel Pease, Blue, Brie, Buttermilk, Camembert, specialty Colby, Edam, Fior di Latte, Fontinella, Fontinella, Gouda, Gruyere, Havarti, Italico, Juustoleipa, Kefalograviera Sagana, Knight's Veil, Kreme Kaese, Les Freres, Mascarpone, Middle Eastern cheeses, Morning Sun, specialty Mozzarella, other specialty Parmesan, Pepato, Peperon, Raclette, other specialty Romano, Semi-soft, Swedish style Fontina, specialty Swiss, Tvarog Polish, and Yogurt cheese. 4/Total cheese plants producing one or more specialty cheeses. Source: USDA, NASS WI FO

Veal Production at Record Low for April

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.87 billion pounds in April, down 4 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in April 2010.

Beef production, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 4 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,257 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.2 million pounds, 8 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 14 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 296 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.79 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.63 million head, down 5 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 11 percent from April 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 206,700 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2011 commercial red meat production was 16.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

April 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. April 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Cold Storage Stocks, United States

Commodity	April 30, 2010	March 31, 2011	April 30, 2011	Change from last year
				Percent
CHEESE	1,000 pounds			
American	609,588	610,635	623,368	+2
Swiss	26,760	32,557	31,152	+16
Other natural	382,266	385,716	386,482	+1
Total	1,018,614	1,028,908	1,041,002	+2
BUTTER	206,291	144,244	141,382	-31
FROZEN				
Beef	369,485	445,526	442,792	+20
Pork	483,710	574,398	545,804	+13
Chicken	628,907	696,464	744,335	+18
Turkey	422,064	325,688	364,404	-14

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Commercial Slaughter 1/, April 2011

Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U. S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	143.4	-3	2,722.0	-4
Calves	8.3	n.c.	58.9	-14
Hogs, all	44.0	-5	8,630.6	-5
Sheep and lambs	0.7	+17	206.7	+9

1/Excludes farm slaughter. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/

Type	Apr. 2010	Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	Jan - Apr. 2/		Change from last year
				2010	2011	
	Million pounds					Percent
Beef	2,193	2,266	2,055	8,387	8,466	+1
Veal	11	12	10	46	44	-4
Pork	1,849	2,055	1,791	7,456	7,511	+1
Lamb & mutton	13	14	14	56	51	-9
Total red meat 3/	4,012	4,347	3,870	15,945	16,071	+1

1/Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

WISCONSIN MILK COW HERDS BY TYPE OF MILK PRODUCED

Number and Percent, by County 1/

County	Total Grade A		Total Grade B				Total herds
	Herds	Percent of Total	Herds			Percent of Total	
			Bulk	Can	Total		
ADAMS	18	100	0	0	0	0	18
ASHLAND	14	88	2	0	2	13	16
BARRON	296	94	20	0	20	6	316
BAYFIELD	28	85	5	0	5	15	33
BROWN	201	91	19	0	19	9	220
BUFFALO	141	89	12	5	17	11	158
BURNETT	36	92	3	0	3	8	39
CALUMET	152	95	8	0	8	5	160
CHIPPEWA	360	94	20	2	22	6	382
CLARK	748	77	75	146	221	23	969
COLUMBIA	115	83	4	19	23	17	138
CRAWFORD	131	91	13	0	13	9	144
DANE	321	96	14	0	14	4	335
DODGE	340	99	5	0	5	1	345
DOOR	72	82	16	0	16	18	88
DOUGLAS	11	92	1	0	1	8	12
DUNN	201	94	12	0	12	6	213
EAU CLAIRE	109	62	17	49	66	38	175
FLORENCE	5	83	1	0	1	0	6
FOND DU LAC	317	99	4	0	4	1	321
FOREST	1	50	1	0	1	50	2
GRANT	426	93	30	0	30	7	456
GREEN	206	66	105	0	105	34	311
GREEN LAKE	57	58	3	38	41	42	98
IOWA	211	89	26	0	26	11	237
IRON	5	100	0	0	0	0	5
JACKSON	123	74	15	28	43	26	166
JEFFERSON	116	98	2	0	2	2	118
JUNEAU	73	88	10	0	10	12	83
KENOSHA	31	97	1	0	1	3	32
KEWAUNEE	189	91	18	1	19	9	208
LA CROSSE	106	98	2	0	2	2	108
LAFAYETTE	234	83	48	1	49	17	283
LANGLADE	61	94	4	0	4	6	65
LINCOLN	42	76	13	0	13	24	55
MANITOWOC	275	94	18	0	18	6	293
MARATHON	619	87	94	0	94	13	713
MARINETTE	77	94	5	0	5	6	82
MARQUETTE	40	82	4	5	9	18	49
MILWAUKEE	2	67	1	0	1	33	3
MONROE	236	62	12	133	145	38	381
OCONTO	159	92	13	0	13	8	172
ONEIDA	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
OUTAGAMIE	226	93	18	0	18	7	244
OZAUKEE	62	94	4	0	4	6	66
PEPIN	72	96	2	1	3	4	75
PIERCE	171	94	11	0	11	6	182
POLK	161	98	4	0	4	2	165
PORTAGE	128	87	19	0	19	13	147
PRICE	53	80	13	0	13	20	66
RACINE	34	100	0	0	0	0	34
RICHLAND	127	79	25	8	33	21	160
ROCK	106	95	6	0	6	5	112
RUSK	148	91	14	0	14	9	162
ST CROIX	172	95	10	0	10	5	182
SAUK	216	91	22	0	22	9	238
SAWYER	22	96	1	0	1	4	23

WISCONSIN MILK COW HERDS BY TYPE OF MILK PRODUCED
Number and Percent, by County 1/ (Continued)

County	Total Grade A		Total Grade B				Total herds
	Herds	Percent of total	Herds			Percent of total	
			Bulk	Can	Total		
SHAWANO	345	94	22	0	22	6	367
SHEBOYGAN	175	94	11	0	11	6	186
TAYLOR	242	86	38	0	38	14	280
TREMPEALEAU	190	88	23	2	25	12	215
VERNON	239	53	45	164	209	47	448
WALWORTH	91	99	1	0	1	1	92
WASHBURN	28	93	2	0	2	7	30
WASHINGTON	110	98	2	0	2	2	112
WAUKESHA	32	100	0	0	0	0	32
WAUPACA	192	88	26	0	26	12	218
WAUSHARA	51	89	6	0	6	11	57
WINNEBAGO	88	82	19	0	19	18	107
WOOD	222	88	29	0	29	12	251
WISCONSIN	10,608	87	1,049	602	1,651	13	12,259

1/Based on data from the Dairy Producer License list as of April 1, 2011, Division of Food Safety, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

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